

Minutes of Infrastructure Repair Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

June 30, 2015, 2:30 pm

One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 210

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashby, McCune, Stone, Violet

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Reed.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Scoles, Public Works Director Oskoui, Parks & Recreation Director Gervais, City Attorney Rennie, and Management Analyst Voelker

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Godbe (Invited, by conference call); Members of the public

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Strinden, Belmont resident, indicated the City was overstating the magnitude of the City's infrastructure issues. He opined that the City's estimates are inaccurate and fixing infrastructure is a luxury the City can afford and should consider without raising taxes.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, provided a summary of the City's infrastructure issue, noting that the problem has grown. He discussed his concern about credibility and provided his own estimates of the unfunded portion of the problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update Regarding Tracking Poll – *Bryan Godbe, Godbe Research*

Mr. Godbe presented the topline survey results of the most recent tracking poll and fielded questions from the Ad-Hoc Committee. He noted that the 55% support result is considered narrow, but viable, and added that a different election environment in the future might produce stronger results. Discussion ensued among the Ad-Hoc Committee regarding the City's next steps, considering the tracking poll results. After much discussion, the Ad-Hoc Committee agreed that they are cautiously optimistic about the results. They noted that streets, sidewalks and storm drains should be the top priority of the infrastructure issue. Discussion ensued. Committee Member Ashby stated that he felt optimistic about the results and that the City should move forward with a revenue measure.

ACTION: After deliberation, the Ad-Hoc Committee recommended that, at this time, Council continue outreach to the community and further education on the infrastructure issues and not move forward with a revenue measure, approved on a vote of 3-1, Ashby no. Committee Member Stone will report the action verbally to Council at the July 14th Council meeting.

Wrap Up/Next Steps –

City Manager Scoles noted that Committee Member Stone will report the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation to Council at the July 14th Council meeting. Staff will discuss next steps for continued outreach and will look at alternative revenue sources, such as future bonding, tax measures and sewer rates. Committee Member McCune recommended that these issues be addressed soon.

ADJOURNMENT 3:24 p.m.

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